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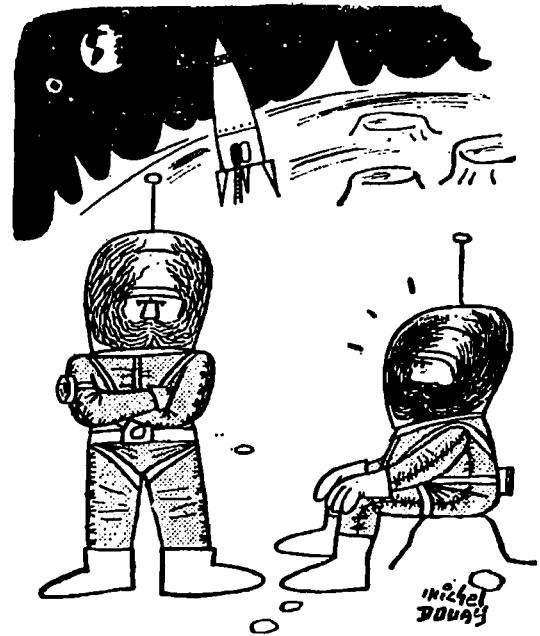
Paris. On Jan. 15, 1959, the de Gaulle regime began formal operations of the Fifth Republic under the new constitution. In the Assembly that day Michel Debré, as premier, read the government's—that is, de Gaulle's—program. The key sentence: "France is in Algeria by a fundamental necessity which cannot be repudiated without betrayal." It was Jacques Soustelle who, as deputy premier, read the program to the Senate. Two weeks later, de Gaulle named Gen. Raoul Salan governor of Paris. (In December 1958, de Gaulle had written to Salan: "You have served perfectly and have helped me as much as is in any way possible. I cherish you not only as a faithful follower of the highest quality, but as my companion and my friend.") In his just published book written from exile, Soustelle comments on the fact that nearly all de Gaulle's principal Resistance colleagues, who helped bring him back to power in 1958, have now broken with him: "A regime that ends by ranging against itself all those who contributed to its birth, a man who succeeds in pushing into disillusionment, hostility and despair all those who risked and sacrificed so much for him—does this not need pondering? Vast errors must have been committed to annul, or change into its opposite, so much devotion."

Hatfield Aerodrome, England. With J. C. Wimpenny, the pilot, supplying the sole motive power, the newly designed Puffin flew 993 yards at an altitude of eight feet and average speed of 19 mph. He will win the Royal Aeronautical Society's £50 prize offered for the first person to fly a man-powered plane for half a mile. Mr. Wimpenny expects to soar much higher, faster and farther in the near future.

Strasbourg. Discovery of an underground letter drop led to the arrest by French special agents of about twenty officers of the French army in Germany in the belief that they belonged to an OAS network. Although no names have been made public, it is known that the group includes General Moneglia, commander of the 2nd Brigade; General Gribius, commander of the 5th Mechanized Brigade, at least eight colonels and several *commandants* (majors). When the special agents tried to take their prisoners back to France, the High Command in Germany intervened, imprisoned them in Germany and declared that they would be tried there by the zonal military tribunal.

Pangim, Goa. Five months after the Indian conquest, the Portuguese military prisoners are being repatriated via Karachi. So far as the outside world is concerned, the Indian authorities were successful in suppressing the facts about the looting, rape and other crimes of the Indian troops during the first post-invasion months. Public order has now been fairly well restored. In its last years under Portugal, Goa, thanks in large measure to the export of iron ore and manganese to Japan, enjoyed a prosperity that put the living standard of its 700,000 inhabitants

three or four times higher than the Indian. With absorption into India, the Goan level is being rapidly equalized: i.e., catapulted downward. Communists have appeared prominently on the political scene, blossoming after removal of Portuguese authoritarian restrictions. The Christian third of the population is becoming alarmed at a trend toward sectarian and linguistic conflict.



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"When I think that they thought of absolutely everything, except for our beards and hair . . .!"

Glasgow. On May 6 several hundred nuclear disarmers turned a rally that was being addressed by Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labor Party, into howling disorder. To their screams of "Traitor," Gaitskell shouted back: "Let them go to the Kremlin and wave their placards there! Let them ask Mr. Khrushchev to ban his bomb!" Three days later, the literal accuracy of his implied comment was publicly proved when Alan Clayton, secretary of the Glasgow Youth Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, resigned and explained how the Communists started the riots, and how in general they manipulate the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament movement for their ends. His disclosures are expected to bring some of the naive CND supporters to their senses; but the CND leadership, replying to Clayton's statements, admitted nothing.

Jedda, Saudi Arabia. The Moslem world is shaken by the trouble that has arisen over the *kiswa*. The *kiswa* is the ritual carpet, elaborately decorated and adorned with texts from the Koran, which is woven during the year in Cairo, then taken on the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, where it is placed over the Kaaba, the sanctuary that is the focus of the pilgrimage. Last week, when the Egyptian ship bearing the *kiswa* along with 1,000 pilgrims docked at Jedda, authorities refused to permit the carpet to be brought ashore. The ship thereon sailed back to Suez. The Arabians motivated this prohibition by the assertion that last year's *kiswa* had been fashioned of low-grade materials, but it is thought that their real objection is to this year's low-grade Egyptian politics.

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